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1. CAIRO PAPERS MARCH 1 PREDICTABLY TAKE RATHER DIGNIFIED, MORE IN SORROW THAN ANGER APPROACH TO CURRENT GOE-PLO UNPLEASANTNESS-- OBVIOUSLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. PRESS DOES NOT MINIMIZE ISSUE, BUT ACCENTS GOE'S ALLEGEDLY PATIENT EFFORTS TO TALK SOME SENSE INTO APPREHENSIVE PALESTINIAN COMMAND. HENCE BANNER HEADLINE IN GUMHURIYYA: "EGYPT ADHERES TO STAND AND WILL NOT FAIL PALESTINIANS." AHRAM HEADLINES: "BROAD CONTACTS BY RESISTANCE COMMAND AFTER EGYPT'S DECISION." ONLY AKHBAR FACES UP TO BITTER TRUTH: "RESISTANCE REJECTS DIALOGUE".

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2. REPORTAGE, CLEARLY GOE INSPIRED, STRESSES EGYPTIAN EFFORTS

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SMOOTH THINGS OVER. FAHMY REPORTEDLY MET PLO ENVOYS SA'ID
KAMAL AND RIBHI AWAD FOR FOUR HOURS FEB 27 AT PLO REQUEST.
FAHMY "EXPLAINED" THAT DIALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE, EGYPT IS
PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY AND EVERTHING WITH PLO EXCOMM
WHENEVER LATTER CHOOSES, BUT GOE REJECTS PLO (ANTI-GOE)
STATEMENT TO ARAB NATION. FURTHER, GOE WILL NEVER SURRENDER
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, AND ANY NEW WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FROCES
FROM OCCUPIED LAND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED GAIN FOR ARAB AND
PALESTINIAN CAUSES. IN ANY CASE, FAHMY REPORTEDLY
CONTINUED, GOE HAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED ANY SPECIFIC "PROJECTS"
FROM USG RE SINAI, WHERE GOE INSISTS ISRAEL MUST WITHDRAW
FROM PASSES AND OIL FIELDS. GOE IS DETERMINED ON NECESSITY
OF INVITING PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA. SECRETARY KISSINGER
"PROMISED" TO TRY TO BRING ABOUT MORE WITHDRAWAL BEFORE GENEVA
IS HELD.

3. ACCORDING TO SCENARIO REPORTED IN CAIRO PRESS, SA'ID
KAMAL CALLED QADDUMI IN BEIRUT LATE THURSDAY NIGHT TO
CONVEY SADAT'S DECISION ON SEEING WHOLE PLO EXCOMM, BUT
NOT SMALLER DEL. "DURING THIS TELEPHONE CALL IT WAS DECIDED
TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE." QADDUMI SUMMONED KAMAL TO
BEIRUT, BUT LATTER POSTPONED DEPARTURE FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS
WITH GOE AND IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE MARCH 1.

4. BEIRUT REFTEL NOTES L'ORIENT REPORT THAT SYRIAN MININFO HAS
WARNED SEPARATE GOE-GOI ACCORD IN SINAI WILL RESULT IN
TERMINATION OF SAR'S COOPERATION WITH SECRETARY'S APPROACH
AND SARG WILL BOYCOTT GENEVA. CAIRO PRESS THIS MORNING
QUOTES DIRECTOR OF SYRIAN RELATIONS OFFICE (I.E., SYRIAN
AMBASSADOR) WHO REPORTEDLY SAID UNITY OF BLOOD BETWEEN
EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS IS STRONGER THAN ANY DIFFERENCES AND SARG
IS NOT AGAINST ANY PARTIAL IWTHDRAWAL IF IT IS "UNCONDITIONAL"
AND OCCURS SIMULTANEOUSLY ON ALL FRONTS.

5. GOE MININFO ABU AL-MAGD HAS ALSO BEEN MOBILIZED. IN
TV INTERVIEW FEB 28 HE RECALLED SADAT'S PLEDGE THAT EGYPT WILL
REJECT SEPARATE SETTLEMENT AND WILL NEVER BARGAIN OVER
RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. "HYSTERICAL OUTBURSTS" ARE NOT
HELPFUL. STRONG COUNTRIES LIKE EGYPT NEED NOT GIVE WAY TO FITS
OF EMOTIONALISM.
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